(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether involvement of some insiders is suspected in escape of foreign nationals;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken against them; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to strengthen security there and check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 25.10.2005, four foreign nationals escaped from Sewa Sadan, Lampur, Narela, Delhi by removing the false ceiling and breaking open the asbestos Sheets. Acase *(vide* FIR No. 532 dated 25.10.2005) under section 14 of Foreigner's Act, has been registered in this regard at Police Station, Narela.

The above said four foreigners were received from Central Jail, Tihar after the completion of their court cases/sentences with the direction to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) to deport them back to their country of origin. They had been restricted at Sewa Sadan, Lampur Narela, Delhi under the Foreigners Act till their travel arrangements could be made for their final deportation to their country of origin.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police has registered an FIR in the matter and all such possibilities would be examined during the investigation.

(e) Delhi Police have taken up the matter with the concerned authorities for removal of the shortcomings which include stregthening of fencing with concertina wire to tighten the security of remand home; iron watchtowers to be repaired; false ceiling made of asbestos sheets to be replaced with proper cement roof and till the time this arrangement is made, the asbestos sheets to be riveted properly; security lights in outer periphery and on the walls surrounding the Sewa Sadan building to be rectified and proper access control system to be placed at main gate.

National Disaster Management Scheme

†801. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)/Government to minimize the dangers of natural disasters;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government are formulating National Disaster Management Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) With the change in orientation from a relief-centric approach to a holistic multi-disciplinary approach and to further strengthen the institutional and coordination mechanism and vest it with necessary legislative back up, the Disaster Management Bill, 2005 *inter alia,* provides for the constitution of Disaster Management Authorities, formulation and implementation of Disaster Management Plans, establishment of Disaster Response Funds and disaster Mitigation Funds at National, State and District level, establishment of a National Disaster Response Force and National Institute of Disaster Management for Human Resource Development. The Government has taken several initiatives for disaster mitigation and preparedness which include programmes for training of engineers and architects in earthquake risk management, a disaster risk management programme being implemented in 169 districts in 17 States which *inter alia* provides for development of disaster management plans and an urban earthquake vulnerability reduction programme in 38 cities having population of over five lakh in seismic zones III, IV, & V, training and capacity building at the National Institute of Disaster Management and 29 Disaster Management Cells at State level training Institute, development of course curricula for introduction in engineering and architecture courses at under-graduate level, a pilot project for detailed evaluation and retro-fittign of 5 key buildings in Delhi and introduction of Disaster Management through CBSE in school education.

Damage caused by floods in southern States

802. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the damage caused due to the recent floods in the Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the flood relief assistance proposed to be made to the affected States, State-wise;

(c) whether any Central team visited the affected States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made by the team, State-wise; and